

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph to page 1, line 4 of the Specification:

"This application is a National Stage Application of PCT/US2004/043227, filed December 21, 2004, which is the International Application of Serial No. 60/532,761, filed December 22, 2003 and which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference. A claim of priority to both, to the extent appropriate is made."

Please insert the Abstract page into the application as the last page thereof.

Abstract

A liquid filter assembly is provided. The preferred assembly includes a serviceable filter cartridge having a primary filter section and a secondary or bypass filter section. The preferred assembly includes a bypass valve arrangement and a suction filter arrangement. The suction filter arrangement preferably includes a dimensionally biased valve arrangement, preferably one which is devoid of a helical coiled spring, to control flow through the suction filter. A flow/pressure regulation valve, to allow flow from an interior of the assembly to a reservoir if needed, is preferably provided. Preferred serviceable filter cartridges are shown.